



Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. John Rucker, of Linden, Texas, who were notified on Saturday that their son, Air Force Sergeant John O'Neal Rucker, was one of the last U.S. servicemen killed before the Vietnam cease-fire. Mrs. Rucker holds a photo of her son taken while he was a high school senior. (AP radiophoto)

Vietcong refuse to sign Saigon immigration forms

SAIGON. — The Vietcong's first amount to recognition of the Saigon government as the sole sovereign government in South Vietnam. Nearly six hours after the South Vietnamese air force plane which brought them from Bangkok had landed at Saigon airport the Communist representatives were still sitting aboard the aircraft. At one stage in the airport crisis, a U.S. air force Dakota was towed alongside the Vietcong's plane, and it was thought the Communist representatives would be flown back to Bangkok. But the Dakota was later towed away. The dilemma seemed to bode ill for the complicated negotiations called for in the peace agreement which are due to start today. A group of North Vietnamese army officers who will be on the military commission have already arrived in Saigon from Hanoi. Four of them went into the Vietcong representatives' plane at Saigon airport an hour after it landed and had a two-hour talk with the representatives. They were then driven away in an American military limousine.

U.S. planes bomb supply trails in Laos, Cambodia

WASHINGTON. — More than 120 U.S. war planes bombed North Vietnamese supply trails in Laos and military targets in Cambodia after the Vietnam cease-fire went into effect yesterday, it was learned here. The American planes met relatively light anti-aircraft fire, and there were no reported U.S. losses. U.S. Defence Department spokesman Jerry Friedman replied with a "no comment" when asked about reports that the U.S. was still waging air war over Laos. Last week, Friedman left open the possibility that U.S. bombers would continue to hit North Vietnamese supply trails in Laos and military targets in Cambodia after the fighting stopped in Vietnam. The peace agreement worked out by Kissinger and North Vietnamese diplomats stipulates that "foreign countries shall put an end to all military activities in Cambodia and Laos." But it did not specify a date.

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Eban urges P-o-W swap before flying to Geneva

LOD AIRPORT. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday flew to Geneva, where he will meet with representatives of the International Red Cross on the status of Israeli prisoners in Egyptian and Syrian jails. Mr. Eban said before leaving that Egypt should learn from the Vietnam cease-fire and agree to a prisoner exchange with Israel. (Israel holds 112 Arab prisoners, which it is willing to exchange for 13 Israelis — 10 in Egypt and three in Syria.) Another principle to be learned from the Vietnam settlement, the Foreign Minister said, is the importance of negotiations. (Israel is still willing to enter into direct or proximity talks, he noted.) And a third lesson to be learned is that a few governments were asked to supervise the cease-fire — and not the U.N. The international body has become increasingly less significant, Mr. Eban said, because of "several recent failures."

Rabin: U.S. seeks conditions for "overall accord"

LOD AIRPORT. — Israel's ambassador to Washington, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, believes the United States will seek to bring about proximity talks between Israel and Egypt under U.S. sponsorship — which will reach a partial settlement to reopen the Suez Canal. The U.S. aims to have this settlement create conditions for an overall agreement. Mr. Rabin said this yesterday on arrival by El Al for a brief visit to report to Premier Golda Meir on his meeting with President Nixon last Thursday, and to assist in preparations for Mrs. Meir's visit to the U.S. at the beginning of next month. (Itim)

Galilee farmer injured by mine

TIBERIAS. — A farmer from Elifeit village in the Upper Galilee, Meir Assor, 44, was seriously injured when he stepped on an anti-personnel mine in a grading area in the central Golan Heights, at noon yesterday. He was taken to the Safad Government hospital where one of his legs was amputated. The second leg may have to be amputated too, it was reported last night. Mr. Assor, who owns a flock of sheep, had leased the grazing land at a place called "El-Ya'ar" (piscene). When he arrived there yesterday to inspect the land, he was warned by army personnel that it might be mined. It was the second injury caused by anti-personnel mines in the Golan Heights in a fortnight.

3 Molotov cocktails thrown in E. Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter The security forces are hunting for a sabotage group responsible for the throwing of three Molotov cocktails in East Jerusalem over the weekend, police disclosed last night. One of the Molotov cocktails was thrown at the Ministry of Interior office on Nahul Road on Thursday night, and two were thrown at a municipal-sponsored youth centre near the northern end of Salah Eddin Street on Saturday night. A Molotov cocktail is a crude bomb made from a bottle of flammable liquid and a wick, which is ignited before it is thrown. No one was hurt in the weekend incidents. No arrests were reported, although several persons were said to have been questioned on the incidents. Security circles believe that the bombings were carried out by the same group which tossed a Molotov cocktail at an Egged bus setting out from East Jerusalem to Hadassah Hospital last December. At the time 17 persons were interrogated but all were released after questioning. Security circles think remnants of this group have survived despite lack of ammunition and contact with outside sabotage groups. In Nahul, posters carrying the signature of the Syrian-backed Sa'eka terrorist movement yesterday appeared on electricity poles and in school walls. The Sa'eka said it was "resuming resistance activity in the occupied land" and urged the local population to rally behind it. These were the first Sa'eka posters to appear in Nahul in three days since the announcement of the cease-fire on Wednesday. The U.S. Command reported four Americans dead and four missing during the same period. As the fighting for political control continued, members of the international Commission of Control and Supervision from Indonesia, Poland and Hungary, and Vietnamese Communist delegates to the peace agreement's joint military commission arrived in Saigon to set up machinery designed to strengthen the fragile cease-fire. The final daily communique from the U.S. military command said in a single sentence: "All offensive military operations by U.S. forces in the Republic of Vietnam ended at 8 a.m. today (Sunday)." But U.S. fighter-bombers flew right up to the deadline, logging 484 strikes against North Vietnamese and Vietcong positions during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. yesterday. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

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Spain seeks murderer Cabinet hears report on killing in Madrid

The Cabinet, at its meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, heard a report on the murder of Moshe Hama Yishai, who was shot dead on one of Madrid's main streets on Friday. Spanish businessman Max Mazin, whom the "Black September" terrorists claim to have kidnapped, was alive and well in Haifa yesterday (see below). An Israeli diplomat flew to Madrid yesterday from Paris to arrange the repatriation of the body, informed sources said. In Madrid police maintained tight security precautions at Spain's main airports to prevent the escape of the gunman who shot Yishai, police sources said. They said they were still searching for a dark-skinned young Palestinian with wavy hair who disappeared into the crowd on Madrid's Gran Vía after shooting Yishai, 38, at close range with a 6.35 mm. pistol. A number of persons were questioned but no arrests made. The names of some of those interviewed by police were found in a diary on the body of the victim. It was reliably learned that at least seven people of Arab nationality, including a Jordanian student, have been detained by the Spanish police in connection with the shooting. Police believe Yishai was an intelligence agent who had been shadowing Arab militants in Spain. He arrived on January 22 and was staying at a five-star hotel in the city, the sources said. Black September has claimed responsibility for the murder and said Yishai was an Israeli intelligence officer responsible for the deaths of two Arab terrorists in Rome and Paris.

MAZIN IN HAIFA

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — Max Mazin, the Madrid Jewish businessman whom the Black September organization claimed to have kidnapped in Madrid on Friday, was in fact safe and sound in the Dan Carmel Hotel here yesterday. The 45-year-old owner of the Ben-Ami company, booked into room 508 on the fifth floor with his wife Alana, a former Miss Jerusalem, on Thursday afternoon. They had booked the room until noon yesterday, The Post learned. Tall and slim, with thinning dark hair and elegantly dressed, Mr. Mazin, who speaks fluent Hebrew, attracted no special attention during his stay. But after the report of the Black September's claim to have kidnapped him was broadcast on Saturday evening, a stream of phone calls started coming in. Yesterday morning shortly after nine, The Post phoned the hotel and asked for Mr. Mazin. The phone in their room was answered by his wife, the former Alana Limor of Jerusalem. She told us that her husband had "gone out," and she did not know where he could contact him. He would return at noon, when we could come and talk with him, she said. But, when we arrived at the hotel 15 minutes later, the "good-looking and very elegant couple" had already left. They had paid the bill and taken all their luggage, but left no forwarding address, and did not say where they were going. Another newswoman who came to the hotel shortly before did manage to talk to Mr. Mazin at the door of his room for a few minutes. After saying that the Black September story was "fantastic," and had been a great surprise to him, Mr. Mazin said he would have to think over whether he wished to comment on it. He would be ready to give his story at noon, the same time his wife had given us to meet him. He then went back into the room to read the Israeli papers about his "kidnapping."

Mr. Mazin's elder brother, Shaul, is a Haifa resident of long standing. An accountant, he is a senior official in the Zim shipping company, and heads its budgeting department. He declined to say anything about his brother. Max Mazin, reportedly a millionaire, is one of the leaders of the Madrid Jewish community, and a former president. During his presidency, the Jewish community of Spain was granted official recognition by the Spanish government, a move that at the time was considered a significant gesture. The Mazins were married in January 1960. Their wedding, held at the Acadia Hotel and attended by a representative of "Who's Who" of Israel, was considered "the" social event of the season.

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Sapir asks 15% tax cut for 1973/4

Jerusalem Post Reporter Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir today asked the Ministerial Committee to approve an income tax cut of a little over 15 per cent for salaried and self-employed persons in the 1973/74 fiscal year. The committee is expected to approve the proposal next week. It then comes before the Knesset for final approval. Mr. Sapir said he was acting on recommendations of the Finance Committee on Tax Reform (the Sapir Committee) which has been working for tax reform for over a year. The first phase of tax reform was introduced last year when the (old) savings loan (which had between 1.1 and 3.2 per cent tax) was cancelled, and the new levy was reduced from 15 to 10 per cent of the income tax. The second phase, reduced rates on savings by IL350m, and the second phase will "cost" the Treasury IL450m. However, lower rates are expected to be partially offset by more efficient collection. The committee also considered a new Social Welfare Ministry. Michael Hazani said new taxes may be the only way to restrain buying, which is pushing prices upward. The committee also considered a new Social Welfare Ministry. Minister Shimon Peres agreed. Yael Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry, said care must be taken to maintain four conditions: an annual growth rate of between 8 and 10 per cent in industrial production, a yearly expansion of exports by between 17 and 20 per cent, full employment and a reasonable standard of living for Israelis. Following is an example of the new tax cuts proposed by Mr. Sapir. The figures are for salaried persons, married, with two children.

Present monthly tax	Proposed monthly tax
IL 230	IL 190
230	190
460	380
460	380
690	570
690	570
920	760
920	760
1150	950
1150	950
1380	1140
1380	1140
1610	1330
1610	1330
1840	1520
1840	1520
2070	1710
2070	1710
2300	1900
2300	1900
2530	2090
2530	2090
2760	2280
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2990	2470
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Engineers and technicians postpone strike

By SHAYLA SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter AVIV. — Leaders of the Technicians and Engineers Union decided last night to postpone a general strike, which was to start this morning. The union leaders decided 90 minutes later to give Mr. Meshal 10 days to settle the dispute. The union leaders decided 90 minutes later to give Mr. Meshal 10 days to settle the dispute.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with a probability of very isolated showers.

Weather synopsis: Deep low over central Mediterranean moving slowly eastward.

	Yesterday's High/Low	Yesterday's Min./Max.	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	54/41	4-11	4-11
Golan	79/68	4-8	4-8
Nahariya	88/77	10-17	8-19
Safed	82/71	10-17	8-19
Haifa	83/72	11-18	9-18
Tiberias	72/61	10-18	8-21
Nazareth	70/59	7-14	6-17
Afula	68/57	7-14	6-17
Shomron	64/53	7-14	6-17
Tel Aviv	60/49	10-16	8-19
Lod	51/40	10-17	8-19
Jericho	51/40	10-20	9-20
Gaza	52/41	9-18	7-20
Beersheba	77/66	4-16	4-18
Eilat	20/10	1-22	1-24
Tiran	22/11	11-20	10-22

Social and Personal

The Defence Minister of the Netherlands, Mr. Hans de Koster, called yesterday on his Israeli counterpart, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, in Tel Aviv. Mr. de Koster is in Israel to attend the Liberal International Executive meeting, which ended yesterday.

Mr. Victor Carter, chairman of the American Regional Committee of the Economic Conference, was the guest at lunch yesterday of Mark Mosesov, president of the Manufacturers Association, at the Manufacturers Club in Tel Aviv.

Thirty-six senior employees of the Tel Aviv Hilton received citations and pins yesterday for services of five years or more at the hotel. The presentations were made by two vice-presidents of the Hilton hotel chain, Mr. Anthony Clegg, regional director for Africa and West Asia, and Mr. David Hoffmann, in charge of management development.

Dr. R.A. Katsen, president of the Rotary Club Tel Aviv-Yafo, visited Alyn-Mossad Abrahams and was welcomed by Mrs. Elga Cegla, chairman of Alyn.

(Communicated)

Agudat Ezer LeNizkikin (Society for the Needy) is holding its annual lottery at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Bnai Bith Hall in Tel Aviv. There will be refreshments and entertainment. Tickets at the door.

Seasonal sale starts at Rosenblum. Dresses, suits and coats by Aled, Beged Or, Gideon, Oberon, Jerry Meltz and others. Large selection at reduced prices. Place de France (Opp. Kings Hotel) and King David Annex, Jerusalem. (Adv.)

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, president of World Wizo, after attending the European Council of Jewish Communities in London and the conference of the Dutch Wizo Federation in Amsterdam; and Mrs. Jeannette Davidoff, president of the Wizo Federation of South Africa, to attend Wizo assembly session.

Gottlieb Hammer, Executive Vice-Chairman, United Jewish Appeal, to attend meetings of the Jewish Agency Assembly, Mr. Norman Acland, secretary-general of the International Rehabilitation Organization, for a four-day visit (by Swissair).

Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi, from a 10-day visit to South Africa (by El Al).

Ethel Agron laid to rest in Jerusalem

Ethel Agron was laid to rest yesterday at the Har Hameinuhot cemetery in Jerusalem, next to the grave of her husband, Gershon Agron, Mayor of Jerusalem from 1955 until his death in 1959 and founder of *The Jerusalem Post*. Eulogies were delivered at the Sanhedria funeral home by Rabbi Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Miriam Granoff, both of whom spoke of her volunteer work with the Hadassah Council in Israel and the special role she played at the side of her husband in the years of Gershon Agron's rich journalistic and political career in Jerusalem. Among the scores of mourners were Mayor Teddy Kolek, the State Comptroller, Dr. I.E. Nebenzahl, Aluf Israel Tal, Aluf Ariel Sharon, former Jerusalem Governor, Dov Joseph, former Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom, Deputy Mayor Haim Marinov, members of the Hadassah Council and staff, friends of the family and veteran staff members of *The Jerusalem Post*.

Veteran pharmacist, Weissel, at 81

HAIFA. — Pinhas Lebanon Weissel, Haifa's first Jewish pharmacist, died yesterday at Rambam Hospital, at the age of 81. The funeral will leave Rambam Hospital today at 1:30 p.m. Weissel was born in Beirut. Shortly after he finished his studies, in 1913, he came to Haifa and worked for Turkish authorities for helping the Nili underground. He spent six years in prison. Subsequently, he settled in Safad and Yavneel, and moved with his family to Haifa 40 years ago, opening the city's first Jewish pharmacy. He is survived by his wife, sons and daughters. (Itim)

All our support and appreciation to Rabbi Zvi Neriya, M.K., for his fight to prevent cruelty to animals in Israel. ISRAEL S.P.C.A. 30 Rehov Salame, Tel Aviv-Yafo

Cabinet airs plan for T.A. transport

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday began discussing a proposal to plan a mass transportation system for the Tel Aviv metropolitan area to cost between IL500m. and IL1,500m. Transport Minister Shimon Peres, who outlined the proposal to the Cabinet, said he was only asking for IL500m. at this stage, to be spent on detailed planning.

But Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said a decision to budget IL500m. for the planning was tantamount to a decision to build the transport system itself, and he asked the Cabinet to take no decision for the moment.

There was not enough time at yesterday's session for other Ministers to speak, apart from Messrs. Peres and Sapir. The proposal will therefore be discussed further at a future session.

Mr. Peres, who was assisted by Uri Ben Ephraim, Deputy Director-General of the Transport Ministry, gave the Cabinet facts and figures about population density and travel needs in Greater Tel Aviv, now and in the future. Mr. Peres recalled that last May, at the Cabinet's decision, he had appointed a committee under Zim director-general Moshe Kashti, to draw up a preliminary report on the proposal.

The Kashti committee report called for a IL50m. budget to begin detailed planning, and for the formation of a joint transportation authority, of the Transport Ministry and the local authorities through whose area the mass transport system would run.

(The mass transport system, as described in outline by Mr. Peres, would extend to 63 kms. of lines, most of it above ground.)

Mr. Sapir said that there was no provision in the 1973/74 draft budget, as already tabled in the Knesset, to allocate IL50m. for the proposed planning. Other needs running into many hundreds of millions of sheqels deserved greater priority than the transport system, Mr. Sapir believed.

The official Cabinet communiqué read:

• The Minister of Tourism reported on the resolutions of the Liberal International.

• It was resolved, in accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Decorations Law of the State of Israel, 1970, to award the decorations of the Order of Merit, for Valour, courage and distinguished conduct.

• Debate was begun on the proposal to plan a mass transit system for the metropolitan area of Tel Aviv.

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Disused railway line blasted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KHAN YUNIS. — An explosive charge was detonated on the railway line here before dawn yesterday in a sabotage attempt.

The three-kilogram charge caused only slight damage to a part of the line which is not in use.



In the midst of Soviet Jewish immigrants who arrived at Lod Airport yesterday are (centre) Eugene Gold, District Attorney Kings County, New York, and beside him (bearded) Neil Norry, of Rochester, N.Y., Chairman New Leadership Division of Israel Bonds.

Israel Bonds leaders greet immigrants from Soviet Union

By PHILIP GILLON

LOD AIRPORT. — Two El Al Boeing-707s landed here yesterday within 15 minutes of each other, one bringing 152 Russian immigrants from Vienna, the other 160 leaders of State of Israel Bonds — each of whom had received a personal letter from Prime Minister Golda Meir inviting him to attend an urgent three-day conference to plan greater economic aid for Israel.

The Bonds leaders were taken across the tarmac from the one plane to the other, and greeted the immigrants with cheers, handwaving, clapping, and calls of "Shalom." At the bottom of the gangway, Sam Rothberg, General Chairman of State of Israel Bonds, greeted each immigrant with a handshake and words of encouragement.

Most of the first immigrants to come down the gangway, particularly the children, looked bewildered at the crowd gathered to meet them; then some of the older adults began to weep.

A large boisterous man, accompanied by a youth with a guitar, came out of the plane, looked down at the welcoming crowd, and suddenly started to bellow "Havenu shalom aleichem" at the top of his voice, waving his cap in the air while he sang.

The Bonds leaders and some of the other immigrants joined in, a little more quietly and musically than the extrovert singer. When he came to the bottom of the steps, he threw his arms around the Bonds Chairman, hugged him, and kissed him on both cheeks.

An El Al man carried a very old woman in his arms down the gangway. An ambulance rushed up with a stretcher, and he put her on it. An almost blind man was led carefully down by an El Al hostess.

There were more guitars and singing. Cloth caps proclaimed that many of the immigrants were Georgians. Bonds leaders born in America grooped frantically for any words of Yiddish they could remember from their grandparents' speech in order to communicate with the immigrants, who prattled away anxiously in languages their hearers could not understand.

Officials packed everybody, Bonds leaders and immigrants, into buses and drove them across the tarmac to a large shed for a welcoming ceremony. The police band played "Havenu shalom aleichem" and "Ezra Neigila"; those who knew the words sang, those who didn't clapped their hands. There was considerable handshaking across barriers of language, and endless photographing of huge-eyed photogenic children.

A lovely 20-year-old girl, renamed Rachel since she arrived in Israel, became a centre of attraction when somebody discovered that she talked fluent English. She had studied English philology at university before coming here. Her whole family was on the plane.

Her parents, smartly dressed parents (her father is a photographer, her mother a bookkeeper), her two brothers and a sister.

The speeches of welcome were duly delivered with the Minister of Absorption Nathan Peled speaking in Hebrew (translated) and Mr. Roth-

berg in English. He said that he would give everything he had in the world if only his parents had lived to see that day, and admonished the Bonds leaders to do everything they could to keep such miracles occurring.

Before meeting the immigrants, the Bonds leaders had been in the air for 11 hours, after spending two hours waiting at Kennedy Airport. But they had no rest and were rushed by buses straight from the airport to a ceremony in the chamber adjoining the Western Wall.

At the Wall, they were welcomed by Mayor Teddy Kolek, who explained to them why a city devoted to holiness was also dominated by harsh economic problems such as those they had come to discuss. Chief Army Chaplain Mordechai Piron said that the Wall had become a Wall of Rejoicing.

The Army choir sang psalms beautifully, and a torch, symbolic of the Eternal Flame, was handed to Joseph Levine of Chicago, on behalf of the delegation.

Last night, the indefatigable Bonds leaders attended a reception attended by Cabinet ministers and other leading Israelis, given by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu at the President's house.

Two killed on roads

HAIFA. — A scooter rider and a jeep driver were killed yesterday in separate accidents in the Haifa area. Another man was seriously injured in one of the accidents.

Fitzhak Val, 58, of Haifa was killed at 5:30 a.m. when his motor scooter was hit from behind by a truck at the He'asor intersection on the Haifa-Acre road. Val was rushed to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

In Kiryat Tivon, Al Ben Ibrahim Sharari, 24, of Nazareth drove his jeep into an electric pole at a roadside. He was killed on the spot, and a passenger — Hassan Issa Abdullar of Sha'ab (a village near Acre) — was badly injured. The jeep, which went up in flames after the crash, was destroyed. (Itim)

Engineers

(Continued from page one)

warning strike last month to back up their demands. They have not been able to reach agreement with their employer — the Civil Service Commission — yet, but on Friday they voted to accept as binding Mr. Meshel's arbitration on part of their demand.

The Civil Service Commission has agreed to an overall 35 per cent wage rise. One of the points now in dispute is how the rise is to be distributed among the various grades. The Government wants an even distribution across the board. But the workers want higher rises in the top grades, with smaller rises at the bottom of the table.

The workers have agreed to accept Mr. Meshel's ruling on this point. Another point in dispute is regarding a Histadrut official has drawn up a new grading system — but neither the engineers nor their employers have accepted it.

(The engineers and the technicians have separate unions, but they are negotiating as one. Their membership controls most of the country's essential services — including water supply, telephones and broadcasting.)

Dutch Deputy Premier: Soviet line on Jews inconsistent

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Dutch Deputy Premier Willem J. Geertsema said yesterday that he could not detect any consistent line in Soviet policy on Jewish emigration. "I can't see any system in what the Russians are doing," Mr. Geertsema told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview in Jerusalem. He is in the country to attend the Executive meeting of the Liberal International, which ended in the Moriah Hotel in the Capital yesterday.

Holland represents Israeli interests in both the Soviet Union and Poland. In the Moscow embassy alone, the Dutch have five officials working full-time on processing Jews who are lucky enough to receive exit visas, and, the Deputy Premier said, Holland was ready to increase the number of officials if the pace of emigration called for it. He said Holland took care of the emigrants out of humanitarian motives and also because of its traditional friendship towards Israel.

He said he hoped for increased emigration in 1973, but indicated that with Soviet policy so unpredictable, he could make no reliable forecasts. He was reluctant to elaborate on his government's activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry over and above its purely technical role as Israel's representative in Moscow.

"The Israel Government knows all about our efforts," he said with satisfaction, adding that this had been one of the subjects he had discussed with Foreign Minister Abba Eban when they met on Thursday.

Mr. Geertsema is due to meet with Premier Meir tomorrow.

He had also discussed E.E.C. problems with Mr. Eban, he said, noting that his government supported Israel's requests for tariff preferences under the new 1974 agreement now to be negotiated.

The agreement with the E.E.C. for 1973, which Mr. Eban is due to sign in Brussels this week, is an important step towards realizing Israel's needs — though by no means the final step — the Deputy Premier said. He thought the fact that both Israel and Egypt were to be included in the proposed global agreement which the E.E.C. was negotiating with Mediterranean countries might perhaps have political repercussions.

"You never know what could bring about negotiations," he mused. He thought that "some outside force" would eventually be needed to draw the parties together. A European initiative was not in the cards, "but perhaps U.N. Secretary-General Dr. Waldheim could be useful — though I know the U.N. is not so popular in Israel." The importance of Dr. Jarring's mission night.

had diminished, he said. Maybe U.S. move, or a joint U.S.-Israel initiative could get peace started, he thought.

Mr. Geertsema serves as Minister of Interior, and as such heads country's security forces. He is reluctant to expound on the security precautions he had taken against terrorism, admitting only that he had stepped up controls after the Munich attack. He was satisfied that the Schiphol airport authorities in Amsterdam were doing the job.

Did the Schiphol airport authorities in Amsterdam screen only Arabs? he was asked. "We screen people — and only Arabs," he refused to comment on whether there was an Arab guerrilla war going on in the cities at present. "If I thought I saw signs of Israeli action, I wouldn't tell you," he replied jocularly.

Mr. Geertsema is the leading member of the Dutch Liberal Party, which, with 23 seats out of 150, is the third largest party in the Parliament. (There are 14 seats represented in Parliament, out of which 23 parties also exist, but other 23 parties also exist, but not fight in the elections, Mr. Geertsema said.)

The Liberals, he said, were making gains of late at the expense of the Roman Catholics (27 seats) and there was every chance they would overtake them at the next polls.

Boy, 14, killed in shell blast

ASHDOD. — Police here are investigating an explosion that killed a 14-year-old boy and injured one of his friends in an army training area on Saturday.

The dead boy, Yoram Peretz, two companions went to the off area north of here on Saturday to look for abandoned munition, police said. The boy discovered a live shell which he up when they tried to disarm it.

Moshe Waldman, 14, ran to nearby Rogozna plant immediately after the explosion and called police. The patrol which arrived on the scene shortly afterwards discovered Yoram Peretz dead. Uri Ben-Shitrit, also 14, badly injured.

Ben-Shitrit was taken to Ashdod Government Hospital. His condition was not known.

To Mr. DANIEL AGRON,
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Three bravery medals designed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved the designs of the three medals to be awarded by the Israel Defense Forces to distinguished servicemen for acts of bravery.

A Knesset law of 1970 had laid down three new medals, for valour (yegura), courage (ac) and distinguished conduct (mofet), but had not specified the design.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan then appointed a committee, headed by Aluf (Res.) Ephraim Ben-Artzi, to fix the three different designs. This committee, after failing to approve any of the 194 designs submitted in a public tender, invited six leading designers to submit proposals, and finally approved the three medals designed by Tel Aviv artist Dan Reisinger.

The medals are in silver. The medal of valour will have a yellow ribbon, and will be awarded for acts of supreme bravery done in battle with the enemy, at the risk of the soldier's life. Next in importance is the medal of courage, also for action in combat; it has a red ribbon. The third is the distinguished conduct medal, with a blue ribbon, for exemplary bravery not in combat.

Before the three new medals were statutorily created by the 1970 law, 12 soldiers had been awarded a one-time Hero of Israel decoration for their courage in the 1948 War of Independence. Later, the citation of valour (yalash) was instituted and was awarded as a testimonial (not a medal) by the Chief of Staff.

the O Cs of the regional commands or the brigade commanders.

According to criteria laid down by the I.D.F., the 12 Heroes of Israel, and over three-quarters of the citation-holders, will qualify between them for 32 yegura medals, 115 ac medals and 386 mofet medals.

The existing citations (yalash) will be awarded in future, too, for distinguished conduct not covered by the criteria for the three new medals.

Soldiers may wear the three medals on special occasions like Independence Day and Army Remembrance Day on their uniforms. At other times, they may wear the stripe only. The recipient of the same medal twice will receive a bar to his first medal, not two separate medals.

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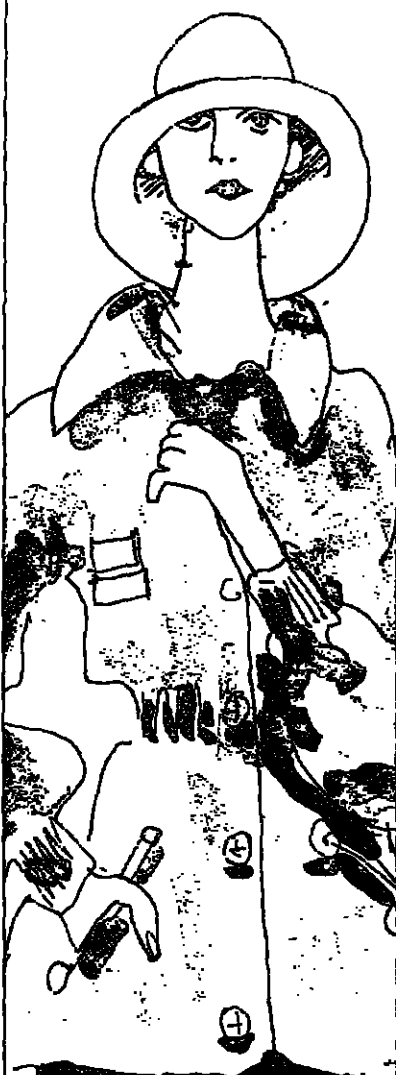
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'HELPED END WAR IN VIETNAM' Yevtushenko poem praises Spock, Fonda, Picasso

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Russian poet Yevtushenko yesterday published a new poem congratulating everybody who helped to bring peace in Vietnam — from Dr. Benjamin Spock and Picasso to actress Jane Fonda and Moscow factory girls.

The poem, published in the official newspaper "Pravda," praised "The hero-student of New Jersey" who had "burned his callup card and the flame burned bright, no matter how small the scrap of paper."

"Victory, in torn jeans with ash on its cheek, stood beside him like a sister."

Yevtushenko, the "angry young man" of Soviet letters a decade ago, has recently represented the official line in verses appearing in the official press condemning U.S. behaviour in Vietnam.

Yesterday's poem was complimentary in tone, underlining the part played by both the Soviet Union and Western anti-war demonstrators during the Vietnam war.

"Congratulations on the victory, oh world of friends in East and West, congratulations, Picasso, congratulations Jane Fonda, congratulations Petka (his adopted son), congratulations Dr. Spock."

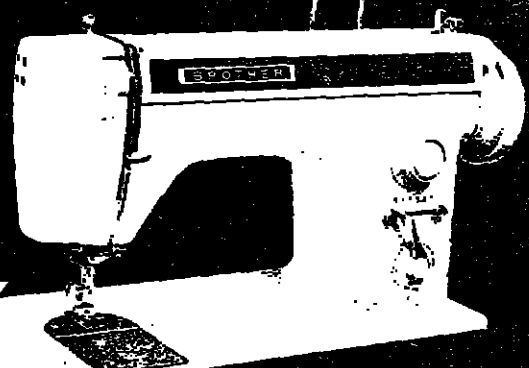
Avni appointed Bar-Ilan Controller
RAMAT GAN. — Mr. Yehoshua Avni, a public accountant, has been named Controller of Bar-Ilan University.

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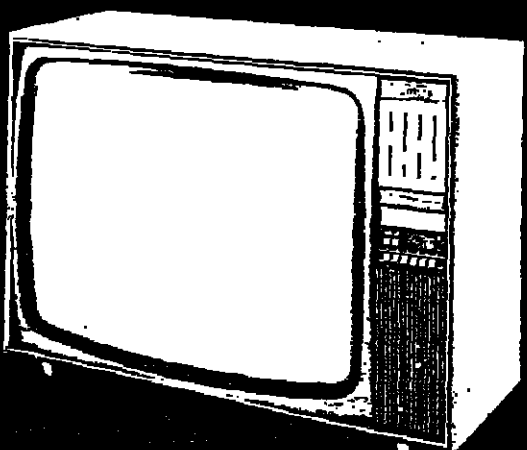
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Due in Israel next week Brazilian F.M. begins four-day visit to Cairo

CAIRO (Reuters). — Brazilian Foreign Minister Mario Gibson Barboza arrived here last night for a four-day official visit which will include talks on the Middle East situation with Egyptian Prime Minister Anwar Sadat and other government leaders.

A Brazilian embassy official said although Mr. Gibson Barboza will visit Israel next week, there is no question of him carrying out any Middle East peace initiative. (Mr. Gibson Barboza with visit Israel from February 4 to 8.)

"We are not involved in the Middle East conflict, the embassy official stressed.

He said Brazil was, therefore, free to carry on relations with all friendly countries and the Foreign Minister would be carrying out the policy of visits to various nations which has already taken him to Central and South America and most of the African Atlantic coast countries. Brazil voted in favour of U.N. resolution 242 of November, 1967, which, among other things, called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories held in the Six Day War.

Economic relations between Brazil and Egypt are also improving and new technical cooperation and commercial agreements are due to be signed during Mr. Gibson Barboza's visit.

Petrobras, the Brazilian state oil monopoly company, has signed a recent agreement to prospect for oil in Egypt.

Brazil is also reported interested in importing Egyptian techniques in irrigation and cotton growing in exchange for Brazilian manufactured products.

Today, the Brazilian minister is due to have talks with Prime Minister Sidky and tomorrow he will visit the ancient Egyptian capital of Luxor where the tomb of the boy king Tutankhamun was discovered. The Brazilian minister will have more talks with Egyptian officials in Cairo on Wednesday before leaving for Kenya.

The report also blamed the student troubles on the political vacuum in the universities and on the various trends to the left which had attracted small groups of students.

The committee recommended the full independence of the universities on the basis that they were always capable of solving their problems. It also recommended that the students should be able to discuss politics through their university institutions.

The committee recommended the creation of a free press in every faculty and university, in which the students could express their views freely.

The committee said about 100 students and non-students are in prison pending the completion of investigations.

University students took to the streets last year protesting against lack of action to liberate the Arab territories held by Israel. They clashed with the police and the universities were closed on January 4 when about 3,000 students of Cairo University clashed with riot police outside the campus.

Australia says Egypt owes \$20m. on wheat deal

CANBERRA (Reuters). — Federal Treasurer Frank Crean said yesterday Egypt owed Australia 20 million Australian dollars (about £11m.) in wheat payments and not \$20m., as reported in newspapers here.

Mr. Crean described the reports as "in error and misleading." He said the total amount owed by Egypt to the Australian Wheat Board totalled about \$130m., but more than \$110m. was not due for up to three years.

Egypt's delay in paying the wheat board would mean that the board would have to postpone payments to Australian wheat growers for corresponding periods, Mr. Crean said.

Wheat contracts with Egypt since May 1970 totalled about \$200m., of which about \$70m. had been paid, Mr. Crean added.

KAMPALA (AP). — After throwing out the Asians and watching Western aid fade, President Idi Amin now realizes that new foreign help must be brought in to keep his suddenly Africanized economy afloat.

Amin told AP that help should come from "friendly" Arab, European and Asian countries and include engineers, doctors and other experts.

Chinese, Arabs and East Europeans may thus replace the expelled Asians of Indian origin and departing Americans and Europeans — but in smaller numbers for a limited time.

"We are not going to depend completely on outside aid, but we do need temporary assistance. Three to four years should be sufficient," Amin said. "If the British had



Turkish consul and aide shot dead in Calif.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. — The Turkish consul-general and his deputy were fatally wounded on Saturday in a shooting incident at a beach cottage here. Police arrested a 77-year-old real estate developer, who reportedly admitted the crime.

The suspect is of Armenian descent. Parts of the Armenian population have been under Turkish rule for centuries.

The Turkish consul, Mehmet Baydar, was dead on arrival at St. Francis Hospital. Bahadır Demir, his vice consul at the Beverly Hills consulate, died while undergoing surgery about four hours after the incident.

CALLED HOTEL

Police said the suspect was arrested after calling the manager of a local hotel which owns the cottage and saying, "I've just shot two men, call the police."

A police spokesman said the shooting took place just after midnight in the beach cottage which is part of a resort complex.

The suspect was identified as Gourgen Yanikian, 77, who is well known in Santa Barbara as a real estate developer and author of books on religion and philosophy. (Reuters, AP)

Leftist books to be burned in Istanbul

ISTANBUL (AP). — A martial law prosecutor has ordered a "book-burning" of 137 outlawed leftist publications, including "Das Kapital" by Karl Marx, Istanbul newspapers reported yesterday.

They printed an announcement by the prosecutor listing magazines and books seized during raids on homes of suspected leftist revolutionaries.

They include the works of the late Nazim Hikmet, a Communist, considered by students of Turkish literature as the country's finest contemporary poet.

The list also includes the Communist Manifesto, biographies of Communist leaders, histories of Socialist and Communist movements,

Arabs plan joint anti-Israel action

CAIRO (UPI). — The Arab League joint defence council has made progress towards drawing up a unified plan of action against Israel. Egyptian Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Saad Eddin Shazli said yesterday.

He hinted that all Arab fronts against Israel, as well as the Palestinian terrorists, may be placed under the command of one general.

Amin seeks foreign aid for his Africanization programme

helped us to train our people in commerce before independence we would not now be in a position of asking for technical assistance.

"The British did not hand over the commerce to us — they gave it to the Asians, who controlled 99 per cent of it."

Amin took it away from the Asians and deported them on 90 days' notice last autumn and declared last week that black Ugandans should manage all Uganda businesses.

Amin, who announced on Thursday that all Ugandans must exchange their money for new currency — bearing his likeness — within 15 days, said he plans a nation-wide programme to get personal savings "out of the mattresses and holes in the ground and into

FOREIGNERS LEAVE

Foreigners began pulling out of Amin kicked out the Asians, and Hitler's extermination of the Jews, as life in rural Uganda became dangerous as looting and anti-government guerrillas clashed with the growing Uganda army.

Five months ago, there were 11,000 Europeans, or whites, in Uganda, including 7,000 British more than 1,000 Americans, about 1,000 Italians and lesser numbers of other groups including Swahili, Indian and Canadian aid workers which have since left.

The Americans now number about 65, there are some 2,600 British in the total white community is down to about 5,000. Some 500 and 100 Asians remain.

"It is difficult to think of a country when you are concerned with evacuating your people," observed one diplomat.

But Amin is optimistic that "shoot to kill" orders will put an end to both armed robbery and anti-government guerrilla activity. He instituted public executions last week after a military court ordered five civilians executed.

Meanwhile new aid and assistance is coming from the Arab world and both the Soviet Union, direct and through east bloc countries and China.

The Libya Arab Bank for Foreign Trade and Development occupies the building once held by Bank of India, but it is reluctant to put Libyan money into Uganda projects until Uganda offers guarantees to protect the investment.

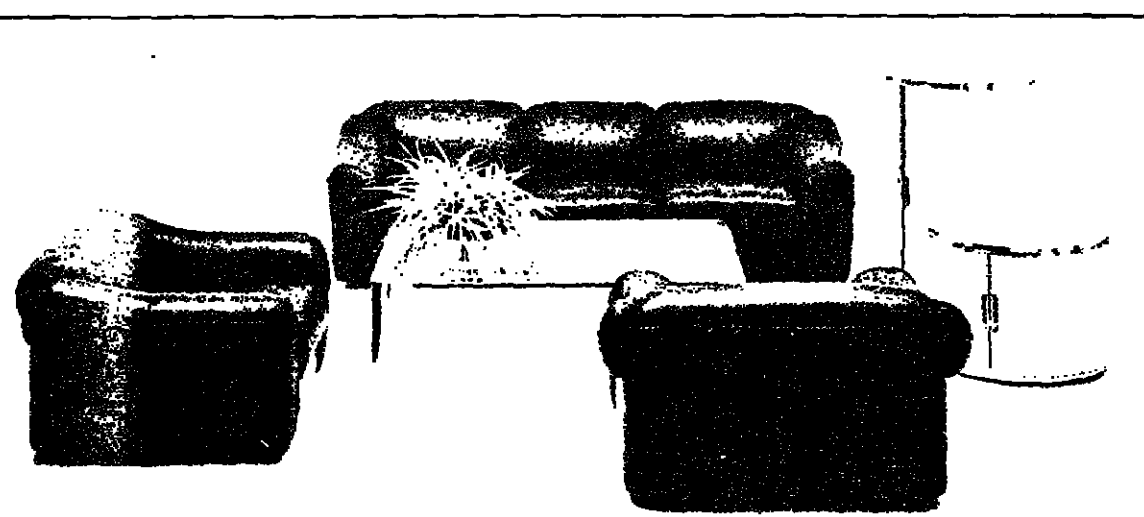
UGANDANS IN LIBYA
Libya took 300 Ugandans last month for military training.

Cairo's Muslim Supreme Council has 21 Ugandans to study in Egyptian universities, including two Amin's sons, Abu and Ali. Egyptian doctors have been treating Ugandan government officials which are to be topped off by Egyptian government and Egyptian sugar, textile and cement exports are taking a look at Uganda's mediate needs.

High-level contacts between Egypt and Libya are expected, possibly new massive assistance, including teachers.

But, as one Arab said, Ugandans are already mistaking Arabs for Asians who were kicked out of the country. The unfamiliar faces of Ugandans would be expected to be in English the official language.

Saudi Arabia, interested in sponsoring a budding Muslim government in the middle of Black Africa, has also offered financial aid. Amin insists that he seeks no greater role for Islam in Uganda where some 85 per cent of the population is Christian and less than 10 per cent Muslim.



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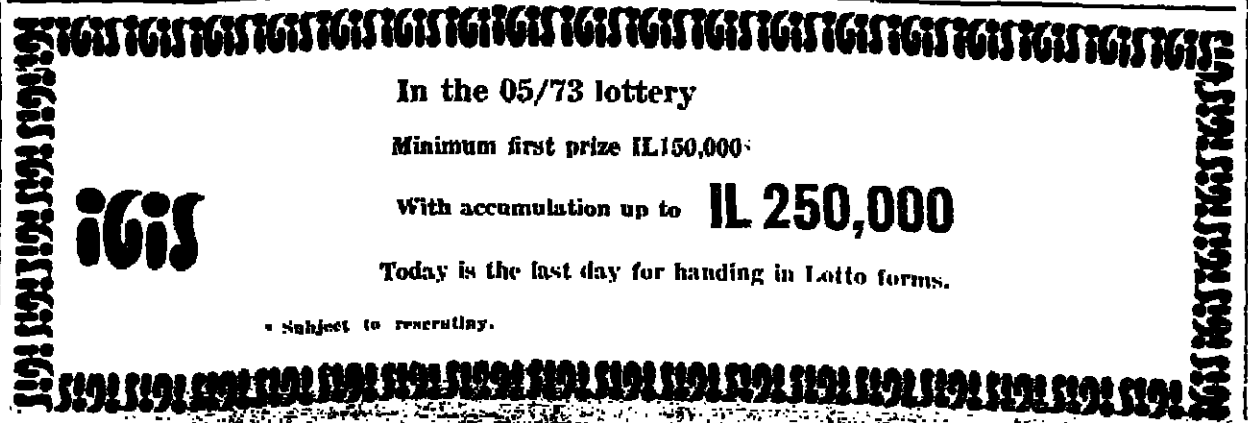
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NIXON DESERVES NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, SAYS PAPER

LONDON (INA).—Devotion to the State of Israel is not a Jewish duty, but rather a "Jewish apostasy," Dr. Israel Shachak, former chairman of the Israel League for Human and Civil Rights and lecturer in organic Chemistry at the Hebrew Universities, states in an article published yesterday in "The Times."

Dr. Shachak, now on a sabbatical leave in London, said "All Jews used to be Jews and now, all three things: Jew, Jew and Jew, should be severed from each other and from the Jewish people to 'good' Jews." But the majority had substituted an idol in the place of the form of devotion to the State of Israel. He declared that Israel "denies the rights to a million human beings who are the conquered territories" and "assess the Jewish National Fund was a 'discriminatory' organization because 'it buys land from non-Jews only in Israel and the conquered territories, and rents it afterwards to Jews only.'"

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ther of King Hussein's new wife Queen Alia, as Jordan's ambassador to Rome.

Mr. Toukan has held several diplomatic posts in the past. His daughter married King Hussein on December 24.

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Quarrying gravel on Mt. Carmel REPAIRING DAMAGE TO THE LANDSCAPE

By ZEEV NAVEH

ASSUMING that the Nesher Cement Company can and is willing to restore the gash it wants to make in the National Park on Mt. Carmel for the purpose of quarrying gravel, there is still no justification in its demand that the Government reverse its decision to preserve the park intact.

Land used for quarrying must be reclaimed in order to prevent the accelerating process of landscape degradation and ecological and aesthetic harm to the environment. In advanced industrial countries such as Britain and West Germany, mining and quarrying enterprises now recognize their responsibilities and are spending at least one-tenth of their production costs on rehabilitation.

I was therefore happy to respond to Nesher's request and, with my friends, Professor Danziger and Dr. Morin, carry out an experimental rehabilitation project at the company's abandoned limestone quarry on the Nazareth road, near the company's works, referred to by Ya'acov Ardon in these columns on

January 7. I was invited to take part as a landscape ecologist specializing in the selection of drought-resistant plants for the healing of such landscape injuries.

I hope Nesher will not be satisfied with what is after all only a small pilot project, but will ensure that its whole quarrying site on the Carmel is rehabilitated, and that other firms follow its example.

At the same time, I must emphasize that such "plastic surgeries," as Mr. Ardon puts it, are a very poor substitute for the creations of nature, with their unique beauty and wealth of natural ecosystems with plants, animals and micro-organisms which have evolved throughout hundreds of thousands of years of biological evolution.

Wisdom and foresight

We are fortunate to have such beautiful and unique a landscape and ecosystems within the reach of everybody on Mt. Carmel. We are also fortunate that our Government showed the wisdom and foresight to recognize their irreplaceable "non-economic" values and their ecological, scientific and socio-hygienic values, and declared it a National Park and Nature Reserve for the enlightenment and enjoyment of all citizens. This was done after careful consideration of all factors involved — including the fact that

Nesher would have to look for alternative sources of limestone.

Since this decision, no new facts have emerged which could justify a reversion, or trimming even one dunam from the present borders of the National Park. On the contrary, the recent, comprehensive study by a team of Technion scientists, ecologists, landscape architects and economists has provided sound, scientific proof of the irreparable damage which would be inflicted on the park — and thereby on the general population — by trespassing on these borders. The study pointed to alternative sources for limestone with much lower ecological and social costs.

The fact that the abandoned limestone quarry, after 20 or 30 years of quarrying, can be reclaimed as a football ground, swimming pool, country club, man-made forest or recreation park, is certainly no justification for the destruction of these natural ecosystems and the impairment of the integrity of this unique park, the one small island of natural beauty and solitude left for the many thousands today and the millions that will come there in the future to seek unspoiled nature and escape their technological prison of cement, asphalt and plastic substitutes.

The writer is Associate Professor of Ecology at the Technion, Haifa.

Edward Robinson and Israel's problems

An appreciation of actor Edward G. Robinson, who died in Hollywood on Friday night — by Sam Rothberg, General Chairman of the Israel Bond Organization.

Israel was a very important part of Edward G. Robinson's life. Every headline, every crisis was a matter of deep personal concern to him. He expressed that concern in terms of a very close and constant involvement in the Israel Bond Campaign from the very first days in 1942, when I shared the platform with him as a Bond-selling team on a tour of the Middle West.

From that time on Eddie Robinson was an invaluable member of the Bond family, especially in the pioneering years when Israel Bonds had to struggle to gain a foothold in some of the Jewish communities around the U.S.

His devotion to Bonds was so strong that when a contract was drawn up for his participation in a new Hollywood film, he would insist that the producer agree in advance to let him take off whatever time was necessary to fly to New York to take part in our yearly Hanukkah festivals in Madison Square Garden. At our last festival two years ago he put on a yarmulke to recite the shehecheyanu, giving thanks for having lived another year to share in an event that was so dear to him and his Jewishness.

Eddie Robinson could be a gangster with a cigar hanging out of the corner of his mouth. He could be an art patron, an intellectual, a

man of the world, a great actor beloved by millions. But throughout his life there was no greater joy than being among his own people, and especially in having some part in the building of Israel.

Of all the things that can be said of him nothing is more important than that he was a fine Jew. And he was never more proud of anything than the fact that when he came to Israel in 1950, 1959 and again a little more than a year ago, so many Israelis spoke of him as "Alef Gimmel" Robinson.

Liberals against compulsory loan

JERUSALEM POST Political Reporter TEL AVIV. The Liberal Party executive decided on Friday to fight for the gradual abolition of the compulsory loan imposed on employers. They propose that he be dropped this year (three per cent) and the remaining three per cent next year.

Executive chairman Simha Lich said that the loan was in fact "a punitive taxation measure discriminating against individual employers — independent wage-earners and companies were released from paying last year."

The Liberal Party will also demand that permission be granted to allow use of loan bonds for obtaining credit.

Gvati visits home town of Ivory Coast leader

ABIDJAN. — ISRAEL'S Minister of Agriculture, Haim Gvati, was a visitor over the weekend in the home town of Ivory Coast President Houphouët-Boigny, Yamoussoukro, which is in the heart of the Ivory Coast's most fertile agricultural region. He flew there by a special plane, put at his disposal by the Ivory Coast Government, and also visited the town's mosque, where he was welcomed by the Imam.

On Houphouët-Boigny's initiative, the Yamoussoukro region became a huge agricultural experimental center, where Israeli experts cooperate with officials of the Ivory Coast Ministry of Agriculture. Mr. Gvati was also among the first foreign visitors to tour the recently inaugurated Kamsu dam in the Esamanda river valley which will make possible the settlement of about 100,000 villagers in the area. Later, he was the luncheon guest of the Ivory Coast's national youth service at a training camp that was run until a year ago by Israeli experts, who handed it over to the youth service.

On Thursday Mr. Gvati toured the town of Bouaké — a twin city of Beersheba — and Korhogo in the north.



Swastikas, as part of decorative compositions in synagogues, have been discovered before, but the one above, found at Ein Gedi by archaeologists of the Hebrew University and the Ministry of Education Antiquities and Museum Department, is the first to appear so prominently in an ancient synagogue. A mosaic pavement of the third century C.E. is made up of three 1.4 m. squares, one of which is decorated with this left-facing swastika.

BAT-DOR GOING TO S. AMERICA

THE Bat-Dor Dance Company has been invited to tour South America in August to mark Israel's 25th anniversary. The itinerary will include Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Venezuela and Mexico.

This will be the first visit of an Israeli Dance Company to South America. Many of the performances have already been sold out.

The company's immediate plans include a gala evening of four premieres at the Bat-Dor Theatre on February 8. Besides two new ballets by the Puerto-Rican-born American choreographer, Manuel Alon — "Palomas" and "Night Bloom" — there will be Domi Reiter-Soffer's "Phases" and Inessa Alexandrovitch's "Horizon — Violet and Blue."

Israel debut

Inessa Alexandrovitch, who has done choreographic work in Odessa, will be making her debut as a choreographer in Israel. The theme of her "semi-classical, semi-character" ballet is the search for and the triumph of love. Among the 10 dancers the two principals will be Jeanette Ordman and Rahamim Ron. The music is by the Israeli composer Ya'acov Gilboa.

Domi Reiter-Soffer has based his new work on a poem by a 12-year-old Israeli boy. My English version goes like this:

Mother Earth cries.
For her lost children
She utters sighs.

She wishes to create
A new world, to renew
The former happy state.

Alas, in this too,
She fails to
Bring forth man.

Yet let us with magic once more
In ways mysterious who works
And brings forth an infant.

Once more she conceives
And bears a purer fruit
That the lost world retrieves.

"But my ballet is not philosophical," said the choreographer, who declined to give the boy's name. "It got a straight treatment." The costume designs are by a visitor to Israel, Egyptian-born Yacov Kousidan, who has been living in England for the past six years and has been painting, printing books, designing

scenery and carrying out "other projects." Domi Reiter-Soffer will go from here to choreograph for the Ballet Theatre touring company in the U.S.

THREE evenings of ballet will be presented in Tel Aviv under the sponsorship of the National Council for Art and Culture, which is associated with the Ministry of Education. The object is to provide an extra platform for Israeli choreographers and dancers, explained dancer Rina Shaham, a member of the Council. "This plan does not subsidize them, but it does offer them a chance to perform before a large audience," she said. The companies here cannot absorb all the good dancers that Israel has produced. "A lot of dancers will leave or stop dancing if they don't get more opportunities."

Among those who will appear with groups are Roni Segal and Rina Shaham. Hillel Marikman will present something from the "Classical Ballet" repertoire (the company which he and Berta Yampolsky direct). Lia Schubert will present her "Dancers' Stage" from her Haifa Institute of Dance Arts. Hasia Levy-Agron will present her Jerusalem Contemporary Dance Ensemble and Shimon Braun (also a Council member) his "Jazz Plus Rock."

Dancers who will appear solo include Ruth Muskanaky, Rabel Kufri and Dalia Lau. Rina Shaham hopes also for the participation of Rabel Nudav, the star Yemenite dancer, Spanish dancer "La Tabana" and Oshra Elkayam Ronen. The first evening is scheduled for March 13. The others will be in May and June.

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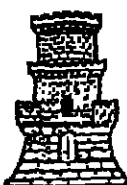
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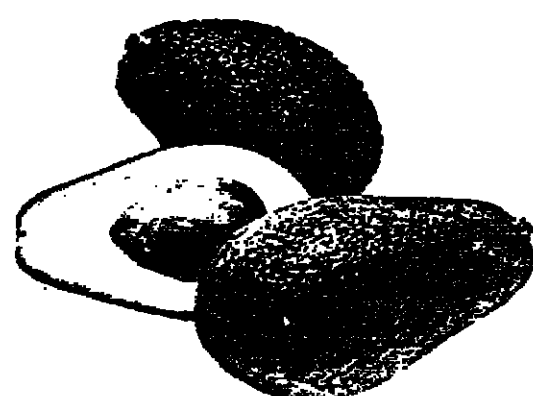
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(JWP). — The revolutionary rotary internal combustion engine has been the talk of the industry for 10 years. It has been said all motor cars will be powered by the line by the end of this century. The rotary engine has been described as the most unbelievable, fantasy of the world auto industry. It is the pundits' prediction that the rotary engine will go into commercial production in 1980, being manufactured in numbers more than 250,000 a year. Next year the number is estimated to be more than 250,000, and in 1980 it is estimated to be more than one million. Today's analysts see it as the world's cars of the future.

Wright, which holds the rights to the North American market in the engine, has seen its share price rocket to nearly \$80 this year on the New York stock market.

Wright, a London-based engineering and industrial conglomerate, is the third largest in the world, after General Motors and Ford. Wright, which also owns the rights to the rotary engine, believes that engine will replace piston engines in all new cars, and that by 1980 it will be taking over in nearly every major car in the world either licensed to build rotary engines or licensed to use them. Wright, a company owned by the Discount Bank, Israel Paper Mills, and the British Bank, holds the rights to the rotary engine.

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MORE CAR FIRMS PLAN TO USE ROTARY ENGINES

The Wankel rotary engine is as simple as it is difficult to explain. Basically, the conventional engine transfers the up-and-down action of pistons to the required rotary action of the crankshaft. The Wankel engine, by-passes the up-and-down action and directly produces rotary action within the internal combustion chamber. The "rotary piston" and the chamber are so shaped as to perform the intake, compression, ignition, expansion and exhaust phases around sectors of a circle. Fundamentally the engine is more efficient than the conventional piston model.

The first commercial rotary-powered vehicle was released in 1965 — the NSU Spider. Next came the Audi-NSU Ro80 which is still in production. Neither of these German introductions was a rip-roaring success. Engine unreliability soon involved the manufacturers in very large costs meeting warranty commitments.

Rushed in too fast

It is now recognized that Audi-NSU rushed in too fast. General Motors, which makes one-quarter of the world's cars, and which has invested \$50m. in a Wankel licence, does not intend to make the same mistake. A senior executive said recently: "We think we have all the problems solved. But we do not experiment on the public."

At present it is the Japanese who are making most of the running. With a simpler version than the German engine, Toyo Kogyo, Japan's third-biggest car maker, will turn out 240,000 rotary-powered cars this year. With their sporty Mazda RX2 and RX3, Toyo had very quick success in the Californian market. All Mazdas are going over to rotary engines and the company expects to double sales to the U.S. every year, reaching 350,000 units by 1975. Now Mazda is launching a major attack on the European market.

Elsewhere in the car world: Audi-NSU, now owned by Volk-

wagen, expect to lift output of rotary vehicles by 50 per cent next year.

- General Motors is tooling up to produce 30,000 units by 1974 and 10,000 the following year.
- Citroen will release a rotary model next year.
- Nissan Datsun plan a rotary version next year.
- Toyota, Japan's largest car maker, is planning a rotary model and will buy engines from Toyo Kogyo.
- Ford plan a rotary model by 1974 or 1975.

In its major European launch, Mazda — facing criticism of its rotary's reliability — is offering an unprecedented 24,000-mile (38,400-km.) warranty. The company quotes a U.S. test which projects a 150,000-mile (240,000-km.) life for its engines. It bases its confidence on the fact that its engines have only three moving parts of a total of 67 basic units, compared with conventional six-cylinder engines which have 230 basic parts, 166 of which move.

The rotary engine weighs only three-fifths of a piston engine. It runs more smoothly and quietly and permits a 25 per cent reduction in the weight of the car chassis. Its fuel octane requirement is lower and leaded fuels are not necessary as they are with piston engines. Potentially Wankels are more reliable and much cheaper to make.

But problems remain to be solved. The reliability of the engine is probably a function of time, experience and development. The Japanese at least are confident they have made the grade.

Probably the newest, and maybe the most potent, factor now favouring a general acceptance of the rotary engine is its exhaust emission performance. This is ironic because in its early years of development the rotary engine was regarded as "dirty." Today its emission performance is comparable with that of the piston engine.

Driver's licence cancelled at man's own request

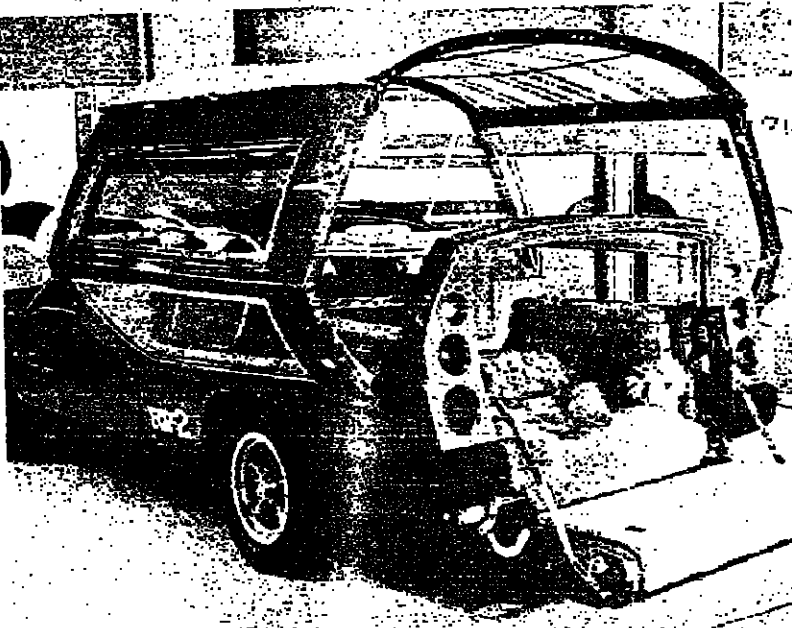
TEL AVIV. — A 73-year old man has turned in his driver's licence and asked to be disqualified from driving for the rest of his life.

The rare case of self-disqualification occurred in a traffic court here recently, where the veteran Benzi Brak motorist appeared on charges of having caused an accident.

Found guilty of having "driven

a collision on the Geva Road in which the drivers of both vehicles were injured, the man was fined IL250. In addition the judge gave his request for disqualification the force of a court decision.

The erstwhile driver, whose name was not given, explained that, following the accident, he realized that due to his age he could no longer be a safe driver.



A "movable camp site" is how the Japanese Toyota car factory describes its new type of station wagon-camper. The novelty of the vehicle is that its hinged side panels can be folded out. This allows a canvas roof

section to be inserted which creates sleeping space for up to four persons. Closed, the vehicle looks not much different from other station-wagons, its upper side panels now forming the roof. (Pana-Israel-Sum)

SALES BOOM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW car sales boomed during the last quarter of 1972, reaching 4,053 in December, more than 40 per cent higher than during the same month of 1971.

The increase for fully taxed cars, 2,459, was even greater, and came to over 90 per cent. Statistics show. Sales of tax-free vehicles on the other hand, reflected the slowdown in Western immigration and eased off about 15 per cent during the last three months of 1972. For the whole year, however, tax-free imports increased about 22 per cent, from 9,400 in 1971 to 11,400 in 1972.

The brisk sale of new cars continued in January. The buying spree may have been sparked off by fears of higher taxes on cars in the new fiscal year, starting in April. The Transport Ministry confirms that changes in the tax structure are under discussion.

The total of new passenger cars sold in 1972 (imports and local assembly) came to 81,929. This compares with 22,171 in 1971, an increase of 44 per cent.

'Get tough on bus smokers'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HEALTH Minister Victor Shemtov has appealed to the Egged and Dan cooperatives to launch a drive against smoking in buses by passengers — and drivers.

In a letter to the cooperatives, Mr. Shemtov says that his Ministry has recently received many complaints from passengers. The problem is especially acute during the winter months, when bus windows are closed.

Mr. Shemtov quotes research establishing that a non-smoker together in a closed room with a smoker suffers ten per cent of the health impairment of the smoker. With 20 smokers in the room, the effect on the non-smoker would be the same as if he himself had smoked two cigarettes.

Other research, the Minister says, shows that smoking by passengers

causes headaches and eye and throat irritation to drivers who themselves do not smoke.

Mr. Shemtov offers the cooperatives the help of his Ministry and of the Anti-Smoking League in their campaign.

Transport Ministry regulations forbid smoking on urban buses. On inter-urban lines smoking is permitted in the back seats.

New car ferry on Ashdod route

A new car ferry has joined the M.S. Warrington on the Liverpool-Ashdod route, representatives of the Alalouf Shipping Company announced last week.

The new carrier can hold 738 cars and trucks on its seven decks and is built to make roll-on and roll-off operations much easier, its agents said.

London changes mind about one-man bus

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — One-man buses hold up traffic and irritate passengers, the giant London Transport Company has discovered since it introduced conductorless buses on its routes.

The company has decided to reverse its plan to convert all its buses to one-man operations by 1980 and will retain conductors on at least 25 per cent of its buses.

Latest studies suggest that conversion to one-man buses would lead to chaos in central London. On busy city centre routes the delays caused while the driver gives tickets and change, constitutes a serious obstruction to the traffic flow.

From the passenger's point of view the buses move along their routes more slowly when there is no conductor, and this means longer waits at bus stops as well as

more time to get from place to place.

Over the past few years the company had been introducing one-man buses, both double-deck as well as single, in order to save money on labour costs. At present some 35 per cent of the buses are one-man, and this figure should reach 50 per cent by 1975. After that, however, instead of all buses becoming one-man operations by 1980, as planned, the company will keep two-man buses on 25 per cent of the routes.

One-man buses are successful on suburban routes, and policy is to continue them on these less busy routes. One-man buses are cheaper to run, and the decision to retain conductors on some of the buses means that the company has to forfeit a planned saving of £9m., which the switch-over would have brought. However, the company hopes to offset this by the larger passenger revenue which can be attained on the two-man buses.

Driver 'beats' police radar in court case

HAIFA. — A motorist accused of driving at 86 kph in a 60 kph zone here went free after convincing the traffic court judge that police had handled its radar equipment ineptly.

Police had accused Ramat Gan lawyer Arnon Levi of exceeding the speed limit on Derech Yafa here. Brought before traffic court Judge Micha Lindenstrauss, Levi denied the charge and brought a radar expert, aircraft engineer Yosef Rogosinsky, to testify on his behalf.

The engineer convinced the court that the speed trap radar antenna should be inclined at a 25 degree angle in the direction of oncoming traffic, and not at 45 degrees, as the police officer who trapped Levi said. "At an

angle of 45 degrees, the radar is likely to give incorrect readings," the engineer testified.

The defence witness also told the court that traffic in the opposite lane to that being watched by the radar can upset its readings.

"Even the walkie-talkie held by the police officer manning it is likely to influence its accuracy," he added.

The witness admitted that radar equipment can be accurate when used exactly according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Since the police brought no expert to refute the engineer's testimony, the court gave the accused the benefit of the doubt and dismissed the charges against him.

Russian Fiat outselling U.S. cars in Denmark

COPENHAGEN (AP). — The Shigali Vaz 2104, better known as the Lada, or the Russian Fiat, is outselling U.S.-made cars two to one on the Danish market.

It is one of the few Soviet-made cars that outsell American products in Western Europe. Danes consider U.S. cars too big and expensive.

The Soviets have been selling very un-Russian looking, which reflects its Italian heritage. It sells for about \$3,500, half of that being taxes and duties. The delivered price is about \$700 cheaper than cab use. The Lada accounts for comparable Western makes.

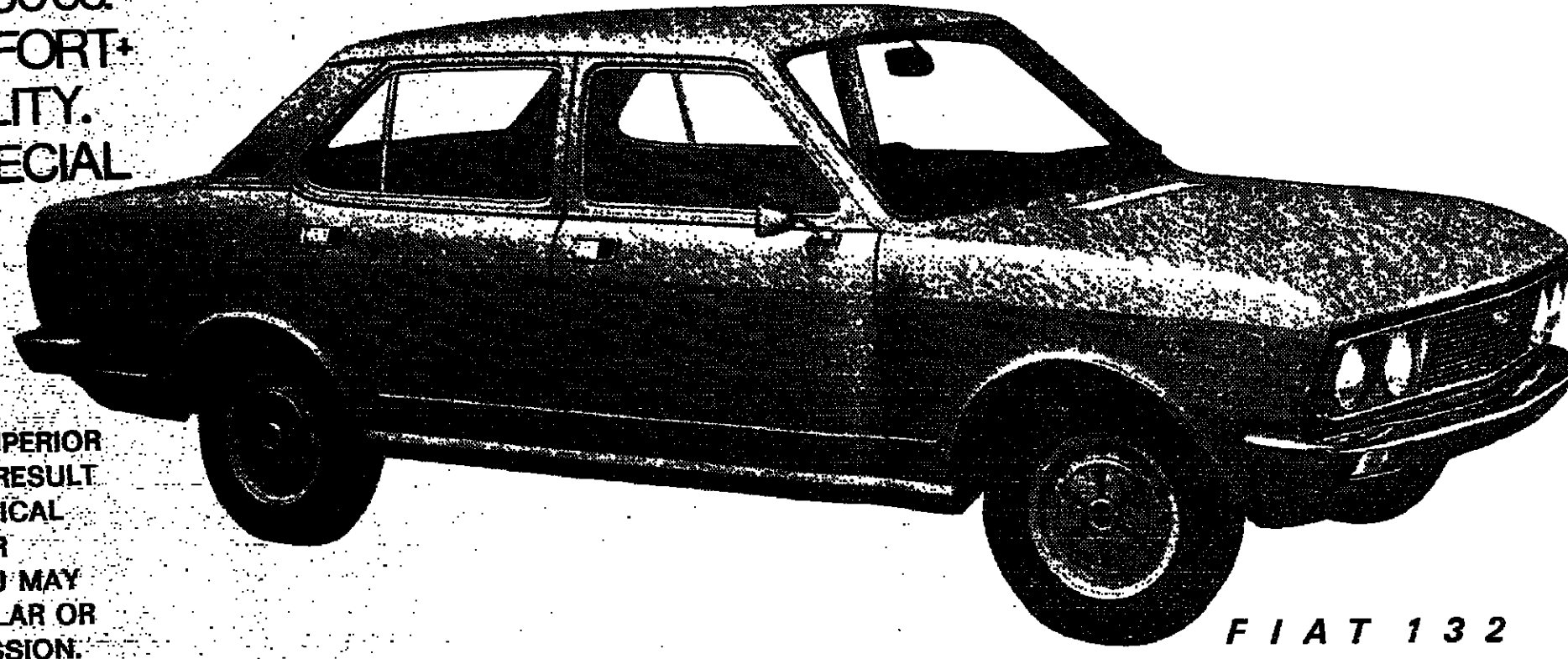
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